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945505.0007 (ZIMM-105)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert H. Zimmer

Serial No.: 09/844,426

Filed: August 7, 2000

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Examiner: Yu

Group Art Unit: 1617

Confirmation No. 3123

For: PROCESS TO IMPROVE OR PERMIT THE ORAL ABSORPTION OF
POLYPEPTIDE DRUG SUBSTANCES AND OTHER POORLY ORALLY
ABSORBED DRUGS WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR
PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), Applicant enters a formal Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant includes herewith the submission of an Information Disclosure Statement, and a response to Examiner's Final Rejection. Applicant asserts that the response represents a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the Final Office Action as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(e) are owed, and authorizes the Patent Office to debit \$395 in connection with applicant's Request for

Serial No. 09/844,426

Attorney Docket: 98204.00007

Continued Examination to Deposit Account No. 501402. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 1, 2004



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004. Kindly enter the following amendment to the claims: